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I sincerely hope this Legislature will push their green button and indefinitely postpone this bill and we can move to something else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I wonder if Senator Syas is paying attention?

PRESIDENT: He is.

SENATOR BARNETT: I wonder if you could help me in answering a couple questions. Wasn't this heard before your Committee?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK. Senator Fowler, I'm sure would like to comment on it too. Senator Syas, in your Committee Report you've got down there that there was no opposition to LB 667. This doesn't really tell us what the testimony about this bill was for. It sort of threw me a curve when I looked down here to see who's in favor of it, the Chamber of Commerce is, NACI, County Board of Commissioners for Douglas County, Director of Economic Development, Ron Mertants. Can you try to throw a little enlightenment as to why, all of a sudden, Senator Fowler wants to kill this bill when there was many people testified in favor it and no opposition to it? Did you touch on the issue that Senator Fowler has been speaking towards, or Senator Warner spoke towards these? Did you touch on these issues?

SENATOR SYAS: Unfortunately, no, not to any great extent. It's very difficult for anyone to, ... when there's no opposition, to touch on opposition things that might come up. You listen to the proponents side. As you well know, there's no opposition to present an argument to the Committee or a train of thought in the opposite, so very little come up. The only thing I remember that did come up kind of lefthandedly was ... is what Senator Keyes injected into it ... something about feedlots. As you know, in a Committee hearing if there's no one shows up you don't get both sides.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you. Senator Keyes, would you answer a question. Senator Keyes, I know.... In the Committee Report here I note that you made the motion to advance it to 667. I was visiting with you just a minute ago and you said "Boy, you better pay attention to what this says now".

Now, have you had a change in heart? What could you add to this discussion?

SENATOR KEYES: Friend, I've not had any change in heart. I had an amendment on this bill and I have been told that it would probably kill the bill. That probably would have been the best thing that could happen to it.